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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT AMMAN 2093 SENT ACTION SECSTATE MAR 05.
QUOTE S E C R E T AMMAN 2093

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FROM ATHERTON

U.S. DEL NO. 57

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, EG, JO, US

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SUBJECT: SADAT VIEWS ON WEST BANK/GAZA

REF: STATE 54289; CAIRO 6891

1. I THINK AMBASSADOR EILTS IS RIGHT IN
BELIEVING THE EGYPTIANS ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO
CONVEYING THEIR VIEWS ON WEST BANK/GAZA, EVEN
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TO US, BECAUSE THEY FEAR THAT IF TRANSMITTED TO
ISRAEL THEY WILL LEAK AND CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO
THE GOE. ISRAELI CABINET SYSTEM BEING WHAT IT IS,
WE MUST REALISTICALLY ESTIMATE CHANCES OF EGYPTIAN
IDEAS LEAKING TO BE CONSIDERABLE IF WE BROACH THEM
WITH BEGIN, REGARDLESS OF ANY STRICTURES WE MAKE TO
THE ISRAELIS ABOUT HOLDING THEM CLOSELY. EVEN IF

WE WERE TO PERSUADE SADAT TO LET US USE THE EGYPTIAN
VIEWS WITH THE ISRAELIS, I WONDER IF WE WANT TO
EXPOSE HIM TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS EMBARRASSMENT,
PARTICULARLY IF IN THE COMING PERIOD WE ARE ALSO
GOING TO HAVE TO ASK HIS UNDERSTANDING OF
THE REASONS WHY WE NEED TO LET THE
TIMETABLE SLIP ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.
IT SEEMS TO ME POSSIBLE IN ANY CASE TO
ENGAGE BEGIN IN DISCUSSION OF THE WEST BANK/
GAZA ISSUES, WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT EGYPTIAN
IDEAS AT PRESENT, BY INDICATING TO HIM HOW
WE BELIEVE HIS SELF-RULE PLAN MUST EVENTUALLY
BE MODIFIED IF IT IS TO BECOME AN ACCEPTABLE
BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. FOUNDATION FOR
THIS HAS OF COURSE ALREADY BEEN LAID BY
PRESIDENT'S TALK WITH BEGIN IN DECEMBER.

2. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT CAIRO AND
TEL AVIV.
PICKERING UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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